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Re: U.S. Divisional Patent Application No.: 09/658,969
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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Petition Requesting a Grant of the Original Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 with Appendix A (a copy of the postcard receipt date stamped);
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. A copy of the Formalities Letter;
4. A Check for \$130.00 (petition fee); and
5. A return postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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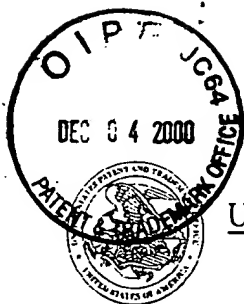
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- Figure(s) Fig 3I up to 3L described in the specification.


I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

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